Recruitment for militant organisations in H.P.

319. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a news item which appeared in Indian Express dated the 5th July, 1993 under the caption "Himachal turns into J&K militants homes":

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that a powerful pro Pak militant organisation has started recruiting volunteers in the State to join the organisation;

(d) whether it is also a fact that H.P. police is ill-equipeed to deal with the new threat; and

(e) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the news item in question.

The State Govt. has informed that no evidence of recruitment of volunteers in the State by a militant organisation had come to notice. In certain areas Himachal Pradesh bordering the Districts of Kathua and Doda in J&K, incidents of alleged militant activities had occurred. In one incident on 29th June a group of persons opened fire on a police party in Village Jalori and in other incident on 30th June some persons entered the house of a contractor and deprieved of Rs. 8000/-. A high level team of Senior Policy Officers visited the spot in District Chamba, and also Jammu to work out concerted measures to check infiltration from Jammu & Kashmir into Himachal Pradesh. Joint Combing operations with BSF and Police Forces from both the States are being undertaken. Patrolling on the Border area has been intensified; communications with the border States are being improved; and, coordination meetings with the officers of the neighbouring States are being held for sharing information regarding activities of terrorists. The State Government is taking steps to streamline and modernise the Police Force, which include the raising of an India Reserve Battalion. It is incorrect to suggest that the State Police is ill-equipped to deal with the situation.

Lottery Frauds in Delhi

320. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Delhi Police unearthed some lottery frauds in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also aware that most of lottery organisers and agents are running illegal "Satta" business behind these lotteries;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to impose a ban on the lotteries to save the general public from being cheated as has been done in Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) if not, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Eight cases of lottery frauds have been registered at different police stations in the capital.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The following remedial steps have

been taken in this regard:

(i) Division and Beat officers have been detailed to check such crimes in their respective Divisions and Beats.

(ii) Public has been advised to purchase tickets only from authorised dealers.

(iii) On receipt of any information about forged lotteries, action is taken under appropriate law against the persons found indulging in such crimes.

Foreign Nationals Overstaying in India

321. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign nationals particularly Bangladesh is who came to India during the period from 1st January, 1973 to 31st December, 1992 on valid passports but later on over stayed;

(b) what is the total number of persons overstaying illegally as on 1st January, 1993; and

(c) what action has been taken against such persons and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Accordig to the information available with the Government, a total of approximately 232 lakhs foreign nationals arrived in India on valid travel documents during the period between 1973 to 1992. The foreign nationals enter into India on different types of visas which may, inter alia, enable them to perform multiple visits, or seek registration only after 180 days or extension of visa on the expiry of validity of visa period. Therefore, it is not possible to give precise data regarding the number of foreign nationals who are overstaying.

(c) As and when any foreigner is detected illegally overstaying in the country, action under the Foreigners Act is taken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to prosecute or deport him. Such powers are vested in them.

Bangladeshi Infiltrators

322. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest assessment of Government about the number of illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators into India;

(b) what are the names of the States/Territories/Cities where the infiltrators are mainly concentrated; and ,

(c) what is the nature and strength of the administrative machinery employed to detect illegal infiltrators and to take follow-up action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) It is difficult to estimate the number of infiltrators from Bangladesh as they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic and lingual similarities. The illegal infiltrators have managed to spread to the North-Eastern States and other states like West Bengal and Bihar. These infiltrators are also to be found in the cities of Calcutta, Delhi and Bombay.

(c) The State Governments including U.T. Administrations are taking appropriate measures to detect and deport such infiltrators. The Government have strengthened the State machinery in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal under Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) and Mobile Task Force (MIF) Schemes.

Survey about Bangladeshi Infiltrators

323. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: